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Below is a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application
COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

ADVISORY ACTION

☐ THE PERIOD FOR RESPONSE:

- a) ☐ is extended to run _____ from the date of the final rejection
- b) ☐ expires three months from the date of the final rejection or as of the mailing date of this Advisory Action, whichever is later. In no event however, will the statutory period for the response expire later than six months from the date of the final rejection.

Any extension of time must be obtained by filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a), the proposed response and the appropriate fee purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. Any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17 will be calculated from the date of the originally set shortened statutory period for response or as set forth in b) above.

☒ Appellant's Brief is due in accordance with 37 CFR 1.192(a).

☒ Applicant's response to the final rejection, filed 8/23/99 has been considered with the following effect, but it is not deemed to place the application in condition for allowance:

☒ The proposed amendments to the claim and/or specification will not be entered and the final rejection stands because:

a) ☒ There is no convincing showing under 37 CFR 1.116(b) why the proposed amendment is necessary and was not earlier presented.

b) ☒ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. (See Note).

c) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter. (See Note).

d) ☒ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal.

e) ☐ They present additional claims without cancelling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: The scope of the claims was changed on the claim amendment for the first time. SEA 10 NO. 1 was amended to require a new claim on the response and further consideration. Claim 40 was amended to require a new claim. Claim 112 and 113 were amended to be made broader. The examiner is aware of the amendments and is not considering the non-allowable claims.

3. ☒ Upon the filing an appeal, the proposed amendment ☐ will be entered ☒ will not be entered and the status of the claims will be as follows:

Claims allowed: _____
Claims objected to: 90 - 99
Claims rejected: _____
However: _____

☐ Applicant's response has overcome the following rejection(s): _____

4. ☒ The affidavit, exhibit or request for reconsideration has been considered but does not overcome the rejection because the applicant has not shown why the rejection is not proper. The applicant has only shown that the claims are novel and non-obvious. The applicant has not shown that the claims are not prior art.

5. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will not be considered because applicant has not shown good and sufficient reasons why it was not earlier presented.

☐ The proposed drawing correction ☐ has ☐ has not been approved by the examiner.
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SEA 10 NO. 1, that is, the claim is amended to require a new claim. The examiner is aware of the amendments and is not considering the non-allowable claims.